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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Cheng Guo et al.

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FOR: METHODS FOR FABRICATING LITHOGRAPHY  
APPARATUS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756  
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**AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This Amendment "B" is in response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of November 20, 2003.

Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 14, and 16 - 23 are pending in the application.

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Claims 13, 14, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,827,138, to Randall.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Randall, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,168,890, to Takahashi.

Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 12, 16, 19, and 23 are allowed.

Claim 21 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Please amend the application as follows:



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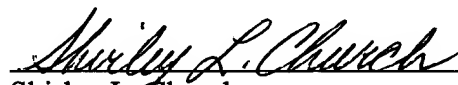
# CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	minus	46	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	minus	9	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$168.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$290.00	\$00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT								\$00.00

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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